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CUSTOMS DISTRICT BY CONTINENT

COVERAGE

This report presents U.S. export and import statistics by air in U.S. Customs district by continent arrangement. Only those districts are shown whose combined exports and imports by air were valued at 2 million dollars or more for calendar year 1964.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to U.S. armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and U.S. possessions and trade between U.S. possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the U.S. export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through U.S. Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post, and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

The statistics shown for exports to Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments. The statistics shown for exports to countries other than Canada represent fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50-percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10-percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low-valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a 2 chances out of 3 basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of: under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00		
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	
$100,000-$500,000		.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000				.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses. The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently reexported is not treated as intransit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less.

The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1000 to $2000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers.	[2]29,760	(X)	7,885	4,431	12,798	1,646	316	510	[2]140,703	(X)	22,467	11,135	83,147	13,826	3,305	2,194
U.S. flag carriers..	(X)	[2]11,671	4,045	1,115	4,438	848	58	195	(X)	[2]52,536	9,611	3,420	29,492	6,608	527	932
Massachusetts.....	335	240	55	-	246	5	-	1	2,069	1,614	224	-	1,777	20	-	12
Connecticut.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Buffalo.....	390	359	385	-	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	652	476	629	-	1	1	-	-
New York.....	15,313	5,564	1,559	783	10,820	739	29	420	89,627	31,841	7,468	3,348	69,471	5,656	286	1,809
Philadelphia.....	121	37	-	-	97	15	1	5	773	398	-	-	571	181	2	14
Maryland.....	126	126	(Z)	-	95	15	-	6	308	305	1	-	264	16	-	18
Florida.....	7,072	2,385	3,108	3,518	27	17	4	(Z)	13,283	4,597	5,284	7,179	143	131	76	3
New Orleans.....	426	72	348	44	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1,054	231	788	211	1	(Z)	1	1
Galveston.....	416	303	244	15	87	16	-	26	1,753	1,190	782	36	665	84	-	140
Laredo.....	138	113	120	12	(Z)	-	-	-	469	413	356	78	21	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	773	343	150	23	326	192	26	4	7,482	3,085	511	102	3,999	2,406	298	40
San Francisco.....	1,089	431	34	9	195	517	237	4	9,460	3,135	121	69	1,873	4,669	2,549	24
Oregon.....	94	94	62	14	16	(Z)	-	-	297	294	95	46	143	3	-	-
Washington.....	280	188	212	-	5	24	(Z)	-	766	558	617	-	39	46	1	-
Alaska.....	11	8	1	-	3	7	-	-	45	18	2	-	21	21	-	-
Hawaii.....	66	32	9	-	1	24	17	(Z)	232	59	2	-	12	124	84	1
Montana and Idaho.....	28	28	25	-	-	-	-	-	200	200	189	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota.....	68	68	44	-	8	1	-	(Z)	268	268	181	-	46	4	-	3
Minnesota.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan.....	309	225	117	-	170	2	1	2	663	478	97	-	540	6	7	4
Chicago.....	1,709	449	781	-	700	58	(Z)	38	8,067	1,927	3,902	-	3,486	341	1	101
Ohio.....	242	16	203	-	-	-	-	-	868	8	810	-	-	-	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	441	348	379	8	(Z)	-	-	-	373	289	299	29	1	-	-	-
All other Customs districts.....	79	61	51	6	3	13	-	1	374	343	109	37	74	117	-	24
Special Category[3]	236	182	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,621	810	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1]Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2]Includes shipments of "Special Category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3]Represents shipments of "Special Category" commodities. A list of the "Special Category" commodities is available upon request to the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight (thousands of pounds)[1]								Value (thousands of dollars)							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2] [3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. flag carriers						
Total, all carriers	13,087	(X)	1,921	1,825	7,804	1,465	22	50	89,063	(X)	9,128	3,703	64,167	9,185	272	435
U.S. flag carriers	(X)	6,656	865	527	4,137	1,099	6	23	(X)	37,082	4,136	1,535	24,744	6,527	35	106
Massachusetts	74	44	3	-	67	3	-	-	704	501	171	-	447	29	-	-
Connecticut	1	1	(Z)	-	(Z)	1	-	-	10	2	(Z)	-	3	2	-	-
Buffalo	13	12	12	-	(Z)	1	-	-	421	387	398	-	4	1	-	-
New York	8,093	4,314	203	159	7,130	552	3	47	70,030	26,276	3,757	1,589	59,594	3,525	91	416
Philadelphia	8	6	(Z)	-	8	-	-	-	114	64	3	-	70	-	-	-
Maryland	44	42	(Z)	2	42	1	-	-	461	413	1	4	414	4	-	-
Florida	2,552	852	908	1,612	7	24	-	(Z)	4,441	2,232	2,188	2,050	79	42	-	1
New Orleans	213	152	212	(Z)	1	-	-	-	62	38	43	9	7	-	-	-
Galveston	33	15	29	2	1	(Z)	-	-	142	27	63	3	19	(Z)	-	-
Laredo	75	62	75	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	34	20	23	(Z)	1	-	-	-
Los Angeles	572	361	26	4	86	451	4	(Z)	3,505	1,699	417	12	965	1,814	47	2
San Francisco	432	345	2	1	58	360	10	1	3,138	2,174	54	16	561	2,234	116	6
Oregon	2	2	(Z)	-	2	(Z)	-	-	46	38	3	-	11	24	-	-
Washington	38	35	13	-	3	22	-	-	1,489	1,416	435	-	83	919	-	-
Alaska	2	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	140	135	-	-	5	132	-	-
Hawaii	32	12	6	-	1	19	5	-	152	48	7	-	1	102	17	-
Montana and Idaho	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	52	50	50	-	-	-	-	-
Dakota	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	17	13	16	-	-	-	-	-
Minnesota	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	-	(Z)	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
Michigan	76	71	1	-	74	1	-	1	246	162	16	-	176	13	-	1
Chicago	317	131	53	(Z)	240	24	(Z)	(Z)	3,075	1,142	1,147	(Z)	1,464	318	1	9
Ohio	70	55	8	-	62	-	-	-	269	19	92	-	147	-	-	-
Puerto Rico	427	133	358	45	20	5	-	-	278	130	208	20	35	3	-	-
All other Customs districts	7	2	5	-	1	1	-	-	229	94	37	-	80	22	-	-

- Represents zero.
X Not applicable.
Z Less than 500 pounds or $500.
[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.
[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.
[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. flag carriers.

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